

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**WILLIAM STEPHENSON,**

Plaintiff,

**v.**

**STEPHANIE CLENDENIN, DIRECTOR,  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
HOSPITALS; and BRANDON PRICE,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COALINGA  
STATE HOSPITAL,**

Defendants.

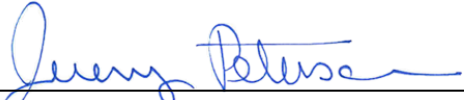
Case No. 2:22-cv-01521-DAD-JDP(PC)

**~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER GRANTING  
DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO OPT OUT  
OF EARLY SETTLEMENT  
CONFERENCE**

Defendants have filed a motion to opt out of an early settlement conference, which indicates that “[a]fter investigating plaintiff’s claims, meeting and conferring with plaintiff concerning possible settlement, and conferring with defense counsel’s supervisor, defense counsel in good faith finds that a settlement conference would not be a good use of resources.” Having considered defendants’ motion, and good cause appearing, the Court grants the motion to opt out of an early settlement conference. A settlement conference may be scheduled at a later date, if appropriate.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 5, 2023

  
JEREMY D. PETERSON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE